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The representative of this paper visited Okmulgee Saturday and Sunday the 21st and 22nd.

We found the people very busy doing their shopping and some of them still talking about the recent tragedy there.

We met attorney D. J. Wallace who conducts a drug store and an Undertaking establishment. Dr. Wallace lost his residence during the recent uproar. His house was fired to ignite the house in which Deckard was barricaded. The estimated lost was \$800, part of

which was covered by insurance. Dr. Wallace is a busy man and welcomes the advancement of our enterprise.

We spent Sunday with Mr. J. E. Glass and wife who made our stay very pleasant. Mr. Glass is formerly of Texas but was born in Louisiana. He located at Okmulgee about six years ago and worked four years as baggageman at the Frisco depot in that town. Two years ago he engaged in the grocery business. At first it was an experiment but his honesty and fairness in business soon brought success and today he has a rushing business. So

much so that he was compelled to erect a large brick building to be able to accommodate his customers. The building is not quite finished but will be in a week or two. Mr. Glass intends to open a department store in his new building and would be glad to have a reliable young man to go into partnership with him.

AFTER EFFECT OF THE RECENT TRAGEDY at OKMULGEE

The recent tragedy at Okmulgee, in which Newt Deckard infuriated to a point of savage frenzy, played the leading part is an event long to be remembered by the citizen of that town. Never in the history of the town was there a scene so bloody and dreadful as the terrible drama enacted there Sunday, Nov. 15, 1908.

Following a fight between a Negro and an Indian, both of whom were doubtless loaded with whiskey, five men lost their lives and several wounded. It seems that this great sacrifice of life could have been avoided had precaution been used. But however that may be, the brave men have joined other heroes in the great unknown and their deeds alone will stand as monuments to their greatness.

Only the ashes and rock foundation of the house in which the desperator lived remains to mark the spot where he spent his last moments dealing out death to all who dared to approach him. All around the spot, however, stands trees as silent sentinels guarding that horrible black scene where the villain stood with such deadly aim.

Deep into the trunks of surrounding trees, steel and leaden bullets are imbedded. Many of these have been extracted by people seeking souvenirs. Those

who could not get the bullets contented themselves with a piece of the tree into which a ball had imbedded itself. Smaller trees were literally cut down by the constant rain of bullets, as volley after volley was fired at the daring man with the eagle eye and deadly aim.

Now, that the cause—this terrible crime is something to be deplored and is much regretted by all good citizens, is a fact well established and certified.

We are all united in a common feeling and expression of regret, deploring the cause but the effect in this case is greater than the cause. This common feeling have brought the white and black people of Okmulgee closer together than they ever were before. They are bound together in a union of love and sympathy out of which will grow perpetual peace and harmony. God be praised for these amiable conditions, and may we all cultivate the spirit of brotherhood. Let the law prevail and let us all lend our assistance to this end.

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